

HERDER C EDWARD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HERDER C EDWARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC [SIGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
40 WANTAGE AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M	A \$ 3,000 18,3125	64,730	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		G	V 400 \$ 0	64,330	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S	D \$ 3,000 45.5	61,330	D	
Common Stock					13,495	I	By wife
Common Stock					4,800	I	By Hand Income Trust

Common Stock	05/13/2005		G	V	400	A	\$ 0	400	I	C. Edward Herder & Gloria Herder Foundation, Inc.
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		400	D	\$ 45.5	0	I	C. Edward Herder & Gloria Herder Foundation, Inc.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.3125	05/12/2005		M	3,000	03/01/1997 03/01/2006	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERDER C EDWARD 40 WANTAGE AVENUE BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890	X			

## Signatures

C. Edward  
Herder

05/13/2005

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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